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Idaho Prospective Plantings for 2011

All wheat planted in Idaho is expected to total 1.49 million acres, up 6 percent from last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Spring wheat plantings are expected to be 640,000 acres, 2 percent more than last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 830,000 acres, increased 11 percent from the 2010 crop. Durum wheat seedings are expected to total 15,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2010. Idaho farmers intend to seed 390,000 acres of field corn in 2011, up 22 percent from last year. If realized, this will be a new record high. Barley seedings are expected to total 500,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last season. Oat seedings are expected to be 60,000 acres, down 14 percent from last year. Dry bean planting intentions decreased 33 percent from last year to 90,000 acres. Dry bean estimates include chickpeas, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Chickpea planting intentions totaled 48,000 acres, down 9 percent from 2010. All hay expected to be harvested, at 1.37 million acres, is down 7 percent from 2010. Sugarbeet plantings are expected to total 177,000 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Lentil acreage is expected to be 45,000 acres, down 18 percent from 2010. Dry edible pea acreage, at 25,000 acres, is expected to be down 19 percent from last year. Austrian winter pea acres are expected to total 6,000 acres, down 45 percent from 2010. Canola acres are expected to total 19,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2010.

Nationally, growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. Oat growers intend to plant an estimated 2.84 million acres, down 10 percent from the 3.14 million acres planted in 2010. Barley producers intend to plant 2.95 million acres for the 2011 crop year, up 3 percent from the previous year. All wheat producers intend to plant 58.0 million acres for the 2011 crop year, up 8 percent from the previous year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.2 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010 and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Area seeded to durum wheat is estimated at 2.37 million acres, down 8 percent from 2010. Spring wheat growers intend to plant 14.4 million acres this year, up 5 percent from 2010. Hay producers expect to harvest 59.0 million acres of all hay in 2011, down 1 percent from 2010. Canola producers intend to plant a record high 1.61 million acres in 2011, up 11 percent from 2010. Sugarbeets area planted for the 2011 crop year is expected to total 1.19 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. Dry beans growers intend to plant 1.30 million acres in 2011, down 32 percent from last year. Expected area planted for all chickpeas is 138,900 acres, down 5 percent from last year. Lentils area planted for the 2011 crop year is expected to total 710,000 acres, up 8 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be a record high since records began in 1986. Dry edible peas growers intend to plant 586,000 acres, down 22 percent from 2010. Austrian winter peas area planted for the 2011 crop year is expected to total 20,000 acres, down 36 percent from a year ago. Acreage actually planted may vary from those indicated as a result of weather, economic conditions, availability of production inputs and the effect of this report itself.

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